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Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Maldives Ministry of Foreign Affairs Assistant Director for UN Affairs Ahmed Shiaan on October 23. Shiaan said Maldives remains undecided on the country specific resolutions on Burma, North Korea, Belarus, and Iran. The Maldives delegation in New York is still reviewing the U.S. sponsored resolution on rape as an instrument of state policy. He noted that although Maldives is an OIC country, the Government will carefully review the text of the OIC resolution on religious defamation before deciding whether to endorse it. He confirmed that Maldives will oppose the EU resolution on the death penalty.

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